

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES TRAVERSE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Training Room

Governmental Center, 2nd Floor

400 Boardman Avenue

Traverse City, Michigan 49684

PRESENT: Commissioners Jeanine Easterday, Janet Fleshman, Cecil McNally,
Chairperson John Serratelli, Bill Twietmeyer, Janice Warren and Tim Werner
ABSENT: Vice-Chairperson Jody Bergman, Commissioner Michael Dow
STAFF PRESENT: Russ Soyring, Planning Director; Missy Luick, Planning and Engineering
Assistant; Tim Lodge, City Engineer; Jered Ottenwess, City Manager; Rob
Bacigalupi, DDA Executive Director; Tom Olney, Traverse City Light and
Power; Blake Wilson, Traverse City Light and Power

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Serratelli at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 4. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION)**

Mr. Soyring presented to the Planning Commission the projects within the Capital Improvement Program that are of interest to the Planning Commission. City Staff is in the audience and can answer technical questions or provide more insight into projects as we proceed through the presentation.

Mr. Soyring began the presentation.

Mr. Bacigalupi presented regarding Park Street Deck Entrance and Park Street Streetscapes.

Mr. Lodge answered questions regarding the West Front Street to Oak Street Streetscape project.

Commission discussion.

Mr. Lodge answered questions related to sidewalk projects.

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Commission discussion.

Mr. Olney discussed the Transmission Line Reconductor Project regarding reconoductor/rebuilding of existing 69kv transmission lines along Hammond, Barlow, LaFranier, Cass, Wadsworth and Wayne Hill.

Commission discussion, questions and dialogue occurred throughout the presentation.

5. RE-ESTABLISH HOUSING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE (ACTION REQUESTED)

Mr. Soyring briefly explained the history of the committee and the need to re-establish the committee due to a 2-year hiatus in committee meetings.

Commission discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Twietmeyer, second by Commissioner Werner, that the Housing and Building Committee, a committee of the Planning Commission, shall be re-established with the goal to recommend affordable housing options to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

Motion carried 7-0 (Commissioners Bergman and Dow absent).

Commissioners Bergman, McNally and Warren will serve on the committee along with a member of the Housing Commission and a citizen-at-large.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Justin Reed, 630 Cottageview Dr, made comments regarding the Grand Traverse Commons Infrastructure project in the CIP
- Emily Mitchell, 3716 Jefferson St, Garfield Township, made comments regarding the Transmission Line Reconductor Project in the CIP
- Eileen Ganter, 1615 Randolph St, Garfield Township, made comments regarding the Transmission Line Reconductor Project in the CIP
- Keila Ganter, 1615 Randolph St, Garfield Township, made comments regarding the Transmission Line Reconductor Project in the CIP
- Commissioner Werner commented that the Hickory Hills Public Input Session and open house is tomorrow night, February 20th, here at the Governmental Center 2nd Floor from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Mr. Soyring asked the commission if they have considered the request from Commissioner Warren to change our meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Commission consensus was to move forward with the bylaw amendment to change our meeting time for both the regular meetings and study session meetings to 7:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 4, 2014

Jan Warren ps
Jan Warren, Secretary